Saskatchewan
Ministry of
Agriculture

Crop Report

Published by the Ministry of Agriculture
ISSN 0701 7085
Report Number 8, May 26, 2008

Crop Report for May 25, 2008

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 86 per cent of the 2008 crop, putting them ahead of the five-year (2003-07) average of 73 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

The southwest is furthest advanced at 91 per cent of the crop planted, and the northwest is least advanced at 77 per cent. Early-seeded crops are emerging in all areas of the province.

Half of fall cereal crops are rated at normal development and 48 per cent are rated behind in development. Spring cereals are rated as 44 per cent normal and 53 per cent behind normal development. Oilseeds are rated as 40 per cent normal and 58 per cent behind. Pulse crops are rated as 48 per cent normal and 51 per cent behind.

Crop reporters indicated that 49 per cent of crop land has adequate topsoil moisture, which is similar to last week's figures. The balance of the crop land is rated as short to very short for topsoil moisture. Provincially, reporters rate 39 per cent of hay and pasture land in an adequate topsoil moisture situation, similar to last week. Weekend rain improved moisture conditions in southern areas of the province.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April with almost 60 per cent of the pastures rated as fair to excellent, up from 46 per cent. Livestock water supplies are rated as 78 per cent adequate, similar to the end of April.

Wind, frost and dry conditions were the main sources of crop damage this past week. Other sources of crop damage included gophers, flea beetles, pea leaf weevils, and cutworms.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 25/08	May 27/07
1a	85	75
1b	86	70
2a	94	78
2b	92	85
3an	90	81
3ase	96	89
3asw	86	77
3bn	95	90
3bs	87	91
4a	89	97
4b	95	99
5a	81	74
5b	84	51
6a	83	71
6b	80	82
7a	87	92
7b	87	95
8a	86	35
8b	86	47
9ae	93	35
9aw	77	76
9b	77	79
Prov.	86	75

For further information contact:
Terry Bedard, P.Ag.
Agricultural Economist
Policy Branch
Ministry of Agriculture
306-787-5956
e-mail: policybranch@gov.sk.ca

Available on the Ministry of Agriculture Internet site at: www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca

Please let us know if you no longer need to receive a printed copy.

Seeding Progress in SK per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 25/08	86
5-year Avg. (2003-07)	**73**
May 27/07	75
May 28/06	80
May 22/05	71
May 23/04	68
May 25/03	69

1 Year Ago

Three-quarters of the 2007 crop had been seeded.

Almost three-quarters of the crop land had adequate topsoil moisture.

Pastures were generally rated in good to excellent condition.

Frost was reported in many areas of the province.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

CANADA ~ SASKATCHEWAN
Crop Insurance

South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeast was generally dry and windy during the past week, until rain arrived at the end of the week. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 2a, to an average high of 15 mm reported in CD 1a. The Moosomin area reported almost 40 mm on Saturday, May 24. Wind and drought damage to crops was reported across the region. The wind also caused some soil erosion.

South eastern reporters rate 26% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, up from 18% last week. On hay and pasture land, reporters rate 21% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, up from 9% last week. In the Gainsborough area, some canola is being re-seeded due to wind or frost damage, while some winter wheat is being re-seeded to spring wheat due to dry conditions.

Seeding is reported as 90% complete, up from 71% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest ahead at 96% complete, while CD 1a reports 85% complete. Crops are emerging across the region. The weekend rain should help even out some patchy emergence. Farmers will resume seeding flax now that it has rained.

In terms of crop development, 34% of the fall cereals are at normal development with 62% behind; 28% of the spring cereals are at normal development with 66% behind; 32% of the oilseeds are at normal development with 66% behind; and 27% of the pulse crops are at normal development with 70% behind.

Pasture conditions have deteriorated in the southeast since late April. Thirty-four per cent of the pastures are rated as being in fair to excellent condition, compared to 48% at the end of April. Many livestock owners continue to feed hay and supplies are running out. Some are looking at changing planting intentions to greenfeed due to the poor pastures and hay crop potential.

Seventy-one per cent of the area has adequate water supplies for livestock – down slightly from 75% in late April. In the Gainsborough area, dugouts are low and could soon run dry.

Farmers have found it challenging to spray herbicides due to the strong winds. Flea beetles were out in the Moosomin area. Gophers were also damaging crops and hay.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest received some welcome rain last week. An average of 12 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 3an, to an average high of 21 mm reported in CD 4a. Wind damage was reported across the area as well as some drought damage. The wind also caused some soil erosion. In the Chaplin and Reed Lake areas, visibility was often reduced substantially due to blowing alkali.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved over the past week in the southwest. Reporters rate 41% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, up from 34% last week. Reporters rate 22% of hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, up from 15% last week.

South western farmers have completed 91% of their seeding, up from 69% last week. Crop Districts 3bn and 4b are furthest ahead at 95% complete, while CD 3asw is 86% done. In the Marquis area, canola establishment is of concern and re-seeding may be necessary. In the Glentworth area, some crops are being re-seeded because of frost and drought damage. Several farmers in the Cadillac area are re-planting winter wheat fields. The Hazenmore area will see about half of the winter wheat fields re-seeded. It is hoped that the rain on the weekend will improve spotty, slow emergence. With the rain, farmers will return to seeding flax.

In terms of crop development, 62% of the fall cereals are at normal development with 38% behind; 56% of the spring cereals are at normal development with 43% behind; 49% of the oilseeds are at normal development with 50% behind; and 64% of the pulse crops are at normal development with 35% behind.

Pasture conditions have improved since late April. Fifty-five per cent of the pastures are rated as being in fair to excellent condition, compared to 35% at the end of April. Hay crops are expected to be short.

Fifty-three per cent of the area has adequate water supplies for livestock – up slightly from 49% in late April.

Spraying operations are being delayed because the winds are too strong. Winter wheat fields may soon be too far advanced for spraying. Pea leaf weevils and cutworms damaged crops in the Gull Lake and Lac Pelletier areas. Gophers continue to be out in large numbers and are causing crop and hay damage.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was dry and windy during the past week, with frost and some showers. An average of 6 mm of

precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CDs 5a and 6a, to an average high of 11 mm reported in CD 5b. There was some wind and drought damage to crops in the region.

East central reporters rated 52% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, on par with last week. For hay and pasture land, reporters rate 42% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, up from 37% last week.

East central farmers made good seeding progress with 83% complete across the region, up from 49% last week. Crop District 5b is furthest ahead at 84% complete, while CD 5a reports 81% complete. In the Langenburg area, some farmers report canola seeded two weeks ago has not germinated. Germination is spotty in many areas. In the Holdfast area, some canola emerged, but was badly damaged by wind and dry soil conditions. In the Leroy area, some peas rotted in the cold soil.

In terms of crop development, 35% of the fall cereals are at normal development with 63% behind; 38% of the spring cereals are at normal development with 59% behind; 28% of the oilseeds are at normal development with 69% behind; and 30% of the pulse crops are at normal development with 68% behind.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 39% of reporters rated conditions as fair to good. At the end of May, 45% of reporters rate conditions as fair to good. Feed stocks are running low because farmers still need to feed their cattle hay in many areas.

Ninety-two per cent of the area has adequate water supplies for livestock – on par with the end of April.

The windy days have made herbicide applications challenging. There was a shortage of fertilizer in several areas, and for some farmers it was not clear that they would be able to get the fertilizer they need for seeding.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

This past week, west central regions were dry and windy with some showers. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of less than 1mm reported in CD 6b, to an average high of 4 mm reported in CD 7a. Some wind and drought damage to crops was reported. The winds also caused some soil erosion.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated. Reporters rated 57% of the crop land as having adequate moisture, down from 77% last week. For pasture and hay land, reporters rated 43% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, down from 66% last week.

West central farmers made good seeding progress with 85% complete across the region, up from 48% last week. Crop District 7 is furthest ahead at 87% complete, while CD 6b reports 80% complete.

In terms of crop development, 65% of the fall cereals are at normal development with 35% behind; 43% of the spring cereals are at normal development with 57% behind; 46% of the oilseeds are at normal development with 54% behind; and 49% of the pulse crops are at normal development with 51% behind.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 32% were rated as good to excellent. At the end of May, 50% are rated as good to excellent. Rain will be needed soon to revive slow-growing pastures.

Ninety-six per cent of the area has adequate water supplies for livestock – compared with 90% at the end of April.

Fall crops are showing damage from wind and drought, and could use some rain. Spraying is being done late in the evenings or early in the mornings to avoid the winds. Supplies of sulfur fertilizer were short in the Arelee area. Flea beetles were out in the Harris area. Farmers were having trouble getting anhydrous and chemical in the Tramping Lake area. Farmers were picking rocks, hauling grain, and rolling pulses.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Weather in the northeast was windy this past week. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 9ae.

Reporters rate 70% of the crop land and 66% of the hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture, up from 69% and 55% respectively.

North eastern farmers made good seeding progress with 87% complete across the region, up from 51% last week. Crop District 9ae is furthest ahead at 93% complete, while CD 8 reports 86% done.

In terms of crop development, 62% of the fall cereals are at normal development with 38% behind; 58% of the spring cereals are at normal development with 36% behind; 60% of the oilseeds are at normal development with 35% behind; and 61% of the pulse crops are at normal development with 32% behind.

Pastures have improved in the northeast since late April when 24% of them were rated as fair to good. At the end of May, 85% of reporters give the fair to

Degree Days Above 5°C

R.M.	Since April 1	May 18-24	Total
3	120	52.5	172.5
17A	99	72	171
38B	117.5 *	67	184.5
43A	129.15	64.5	193.65
43B	78.5 *	57.5	136
44	120	67	187
67	62.5 *	47	109.5
68	168.75	69.1	237.85
69	153.3	47.6	200.9
71A	104.85 *	35.75	140.6
72	98.2	58.6	156.8
73B	136		136
75B	114.4 *	64.85	179.25
76A	154.35	77.2	231.55
78A	81	61	142
97	111.15	65.985	177.135
108	33.5 *	57.5	91
109	58.5 *	53.5	112
111A	155.1	75	230.1
123	66	48	114
124	66.4 *	42.15	108.55
127	75.45 *	85.45	160.9
132	84.5 *	66.5	151
134	31 *	63	94
138	168.5	74.5	243
141	120.45 *	60.45	180.9
142	170.3	73.7	244
151B	69.3	43.5	112.8
165	98.75 *	21.85	120.6
166	164.5	69.5	234
167	60 *	70	130
185	66.45 *	50.7	117.15
186	57.5 *	45.5	103
190B	136.1	62.95	199.05
193	136.3	68.9	205.2
221	104.75 *	51.3	156.05
222	133	67	200
246	61.7	45.65	107.35
259	88.4 *	67.5	155.9
271	48.5	37.5	86
276	24 *	37.5	61.5
277	67.95 *	43.8	111.75
283	83.35 *	63.45	146.8
285	100.45 *	72.6	173.05
287	77.5 *	61	138.5
312	90.95	49.45	140.4
318A	88	65	153
333	31 *	43	74
336	70 *	45	115
339	72.75 *	42.5	115.25
340A	70.5 *	46	116.5
343	120.3	49.4	169.7
370	94.5	52.5	147
379	64.6 *	62.35	126.95
397	46.5	38.5	85
403	98.5 *		98.5
428	67	48.5	115.5
429B	46.5 *	38.5	85
442	86	63.5	149.5
456	34.5	32.5	67
464	30.5 *	38	68.5
488	49.05	152	201.05
496	69.5	58	127.5
502	74.5 *	60.5	135

* incomplete

good rating. However, many producers are still feeding hay to their stock as pasture growth is slow. Livestock water supplies are adequate for the area.

Farmers have started to spray winter cereals, and are picking rocks, and rolling pulse crops. Winds hampered spraying operations. Potash fertilizer and ammonia were hard to come by in some areas.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest was generally warm and windy during the past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 9aw, to an average high of 7 mm reported in CD 9b. There is some concern of frost damage to emerging crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions deteriorated during the past week. Reporters rated 69% of crop land and hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture, down from 85% and 86%, respectively, last week.

North western farmers have planted 77% on average across the region, up from 39% last week. Germination has been spotty in some areas.

In terms of crop development, 75% of the fall cereals are at normal development with 25% behind; 43% of the spring cereals are at normal development with 57% behind; 42% of the oilseeds are at normal development with 58% behind; and 44% of the pulse crops are at normal development with 56% behind.

Seventy-two per cent of north western pastures are in fair to good condition, similar to the end of April. Pastures need heat and rain. Cattle are being turned out to pastures as hay supplies run short. Livestock water supplies are adequate in most of the region.

Spraying operations are hampered by the winds. There were some shortages of sulfur fertilizer.

NOTE:

The precipitation information on the next page is from Crop Report #7.

The precipitation for this week's report (#8) will be sent at a later date.

Weekly Rainfall Summary
(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 17, 2008

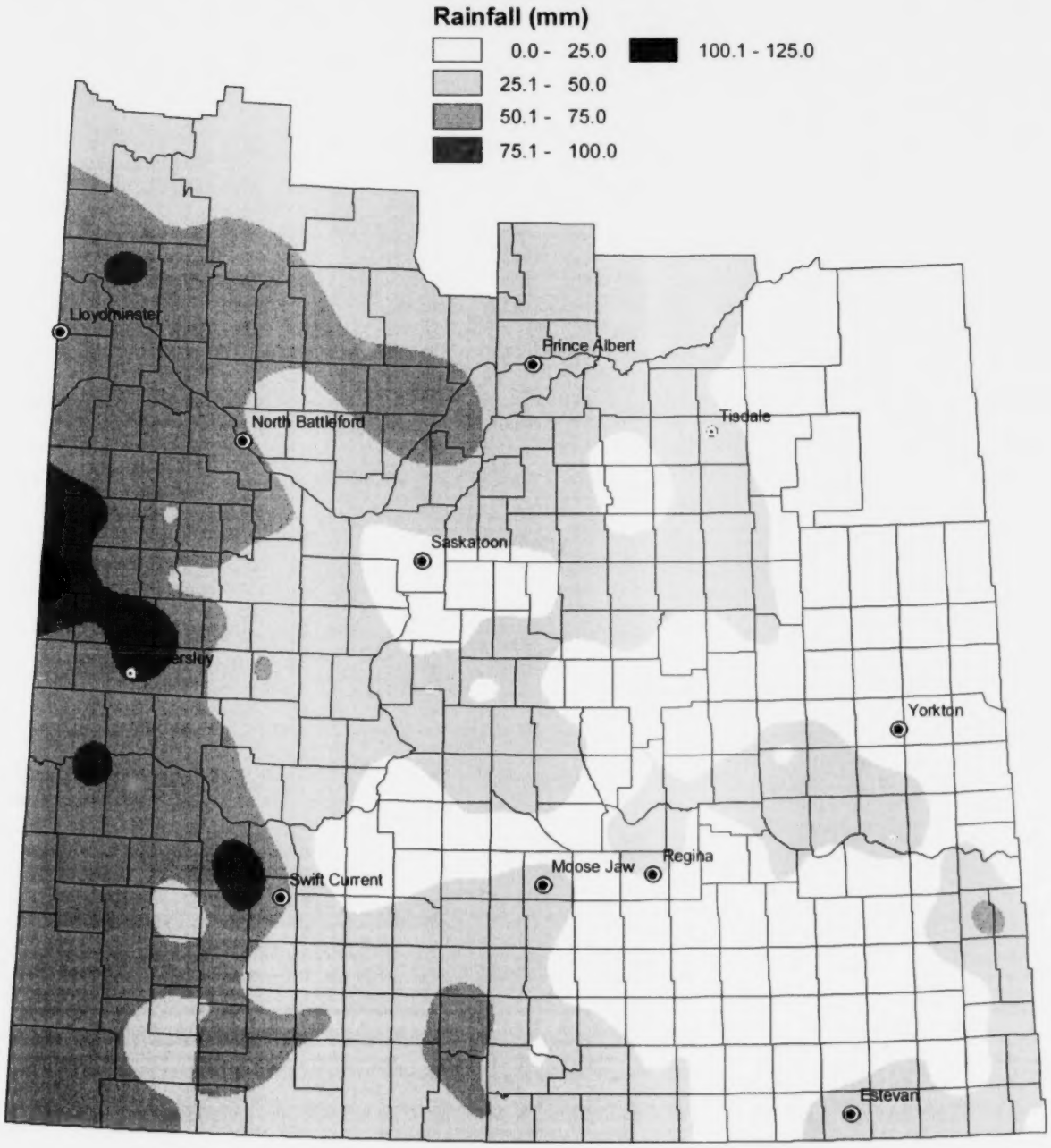
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	6 *
	2	Mount Pleasant	3	8
	3	Enniskillen	5	9
	33 A	Moose Creek	4	11
	33 B	Moose Creek	4	9
	34	Browning	2	4
	61	Antler	N/A	36 *
	64	Brock	TR	2
	65	Tecumseh	NIL	NIL
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	32
	92	Walpole	8	8
	93	Wawken	2	7
	94	Hazelwood	N/A	2 *
	95	Golden West	NIL	4
	121	Moosomin	10	16
	122	Martin	10	16
	123	Silverwood	15	17
	124	Kingsley	8	12
	125	Chester	N/A	4 *
	151 A	Rocanville	14	18
	151 B	Rocanville	11	24
	153	Willowdale	14	16
	154	Elcapo	3	4
	155	Wolseley	4	11
2A	36	Cymri	TR	14
	66	Griffin	N/A	8 *
	67	Weyburn	NIL	10
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	9
	69	Norton	NIL	18
	96	Fillmore	NIL	12
	97	Wellington	2	13
	99	Caledonia	2	2
2B	126	Montmartre	NIL	10
	127	Francis	6	18
	129	Bratt's Lake	N/A	11 *
	131	Baildon	3	22
	156 A	Indian Head	6	26
	157	South Qu'appelle	5	5
	158	Edenwold	2	17
	160	Pense	NIL	23
	161	Moose Jaw	1	35
	191	Marquis	NIL	16
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	N/A	11 *
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	23
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	13
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	30
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	18
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	26
	12	Poplar Valley	TR	26
	40	Bengough	1	29
	42	Willow Bunch	N/A	40 *
	43 A	Old Post	2	32
	43 B	Old Post	1	43
	44	Waverley	2	43
	70	Key West	NIL	34
	71 A	Excel	1	27
	71 B	Excel	NIL	20
	71 C	Excel	N/A	28 *
	72	Lake Of The Rivers	2	39
	73 A	Stonehenge	1	53
	73 B	Stonehenge	8	59
3AN	101	Terrell	1	20
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	26
	103	Sutton	N/A	45 *
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	24
	134	Shamrock	N/A	45 *
	164	Chaplin	NIL	19
	193	Eyebrow	1	24
	194	Enfield	NIL	18
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	3	23
	17 B	Val Marie	2	12
	45	Mankota	4	32
	75 A	Pinto Creek	2	37
	75 B	Pinto Creek	2	37
	76 A	Auvergne	8	30
	76 B	Auvergne	5	27
	77	Wise Creek	8	26
	78 A	Grassy Creek	10	33
	78 B	Grassy Creek	10	30
	78 C	Grassy Creek	9	29
	105	Glenbain	3	32
	106	Whiska Creek	2	29
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	13 *
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	31 *
3BN	138	Webb	TR	62
	165	Morse	NIL	23
	166	Excelsior	NIL	18
	167	Sask. Landing	1	36
	168	Riverside	6	88
	226	Victory	NIL	19
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	33
	228 B	Lacadena	NIL	49
4A	49	White Valley	N/A	23
	49 A	White Valley	3	32
	51	Reno	5	34
	79	Arlington	N/A	23
	109	Carmichael	8	50
	110	Piapot	10	59
	111 A	Maple Creek	2	39
	111 B	Maple Creek	NIL	40
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	23
	141	Big Stick	3	42
	142	Enterprise	5	46
	169	Pittville	N/A	32 *
	231	Happyland	TR	61
	232	Deer Forks	N/A	42 *
5A	183	Fertile Belt	11	23
	184	Grayson	11	18
	185	Mcleod	17	23
	186	Abernethy	12	26
	211	Churchbridge	TR	5
	213	Saltcoats	11	17
	216 A	Tullymet	7	23
	216 B	Tullymet	7	31
	241	Calder	2	4
	243	Wallace	NIL	NIL
	245 A	Garry	N/A	15 *
	245 B	Garry	N/A	21 *
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	10	33
	247	Kellross	7	20
	248	Touchwood	NIL	9
5B	271	Cote	1	5
	273	Sliding Hills	TR	TR
	275	Insinger	3	15
	276	Foam Lake	NIL	11
	277	Emerald	NIL	10
	304	Buchanan	NIL	7
	307	Elfros	NIL	14
	308	Big Quill	N/A	9 *
	333	Clayton	NIL	NIL
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	9
	336	Sasman	NIL	13
	337	Lakeview	NIL	22
	338	Lakeside	NIL	23
	366	Kelvington	2	11
6A	189	Lumsden	2	31
	190 A	Dufferin	1	14
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	13
	190 C	Dufferin	TR	14
	219 B	Longlaketon	3	16
	219 C	Longlaketon	2	24
	220	Mckillop	1	13
	221	Sarnia	4	27
	222	Craik	3	34
	251	Big Arm	NIL	24
	252	Arm River	4	20
	279 A	Mount Hope	NIL	18
	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	9
	280	Wreford	1	18
	282	Mccraney	NIL	20
	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	31
	312	Morris	NIL	29
	313	Lost River	1	28
	339	Leroy	TR	38
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	25
	340 B	Wolverine	N/A	15 *
	341	Viscount	NIL	12
	343	Blucher	2	14
6B	283	Rosedale	TR	27
	284	Rudy	NIL	26
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	32
	286	Milden	NIL	32
	314	Dundurn	NIL	20
	344	Corman Park	NIL	23
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	23
	346	Perdue	NIL	31
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	35
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	45
	403	Rosthern	NIL	50
7A	259	Snipe Lake	0	44
	287	St. Andrews	3	49
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	37
	292	Milton	NIL	51
	317 A	Marriott	NIL	39
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	25
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	49
	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	44
	320	Oakdale	NIL	23
	321	Prairiedale	5	56
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	47
	347 B	Biggar	N/A	29 *
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	56
	350 B	Mariposa	3	44
	351	Progress	NIL	56
	352	Heart's Hill	7	99
	377	Glenside	N/A	39 *
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	41
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	63
	379	Reford	NIL	57
	380	Tramping Lake	N/A	47 *
	381	Grass Lake	NIL	72
	382	Eye Hill	2	66
	409	Buffalo	NIL	55
	410	Round Valley	NIL	65
	411	Senlac	N/A	58 *
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	1
	397	Barrier Valley	NIL	15
	398	Pleasantdale	NIL	13
	428	Star City	NIL	34
	456	Arborfield	2	14
	457	Connaught	2	10
	458	Willow Creek	NIL	25
	486	Moose Range	TR	13
	487	Nipawin	1	23
8B	369	St. Peter	N/A	15 *
	370	Humboldt	NIL	20
	371	Bayne	NIL	33
	372	Grant	NIL	30
	373	Aberdeen	N/A	22 *
	400	Three Lakes	NIL	10
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	35
	429 A	Flett's Springs	NIL	19
	429 B	Flett's Springs	2	24
	431	St. Louis	N/A	26 *
	459	Kinistino	NIL	10
9AE	488	Torch River	1	35
	520	Paddockwood	NIL	25
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	34
	435	Redberry	NIL	34
	436	Douglas	NIL	35
	463	Duck Lake	1	50
	464	Leask	NIL	61
	466	Meeting Lake	N/A	47 *
	467	Round Hill	NIL	41
	493	Shellbrook	NIL	21
	494	Canwood	NIL	27
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	43
	497	Medstead	NIL	55
	555	Big River	NIL	35
9B	438	Battle River	TR	56
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	79
	442	Manitou Lake	2	57
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	63
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	65 *
	499	Mervin	NIL	56
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	2	69
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	40
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	53 *
	502	Britannia	1	57
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	40
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	25
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	32
	588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	47 *
	588 D	Meadow Lake	2	31
	622	Beaver River	N/A	37 *

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

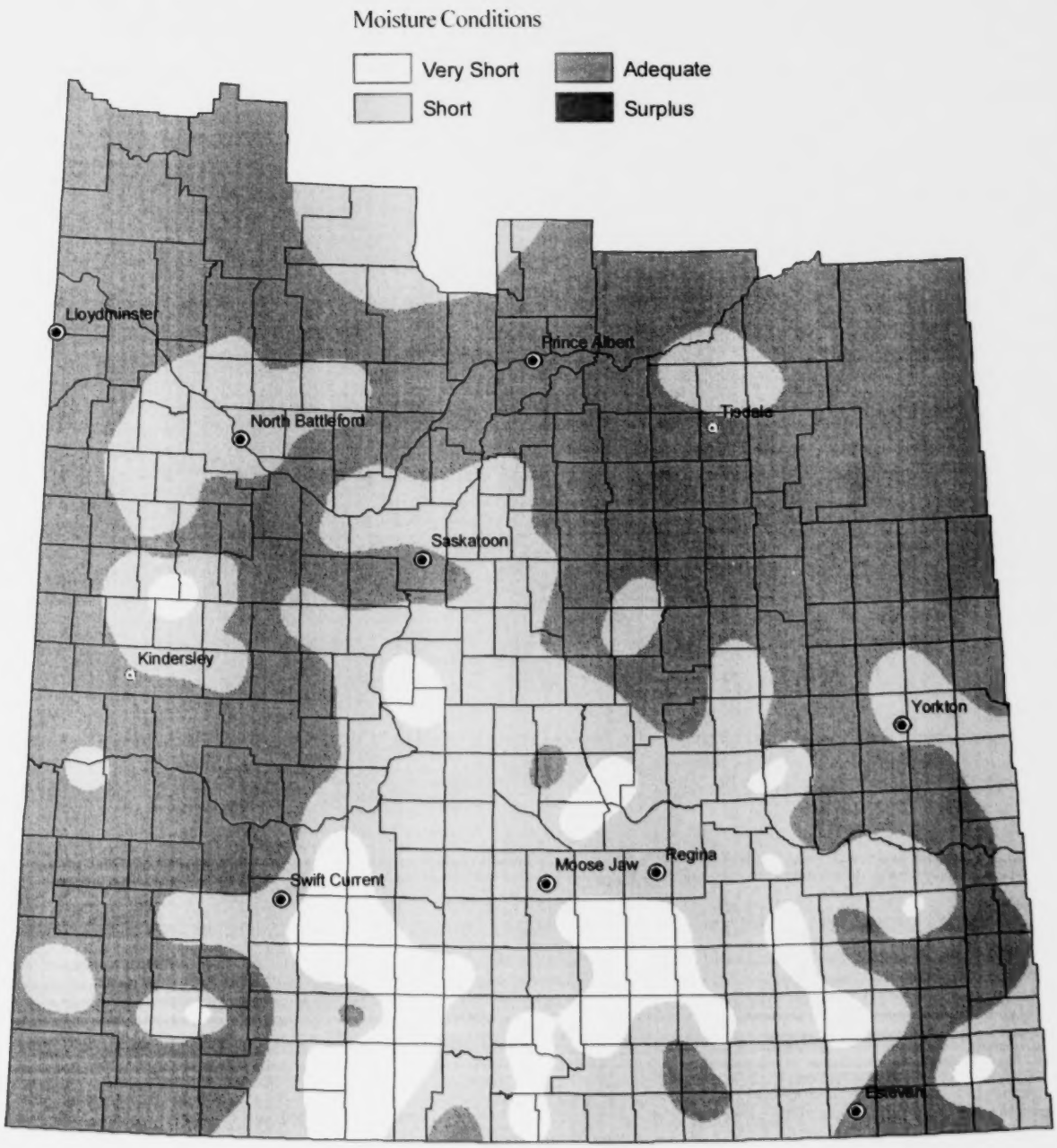
* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

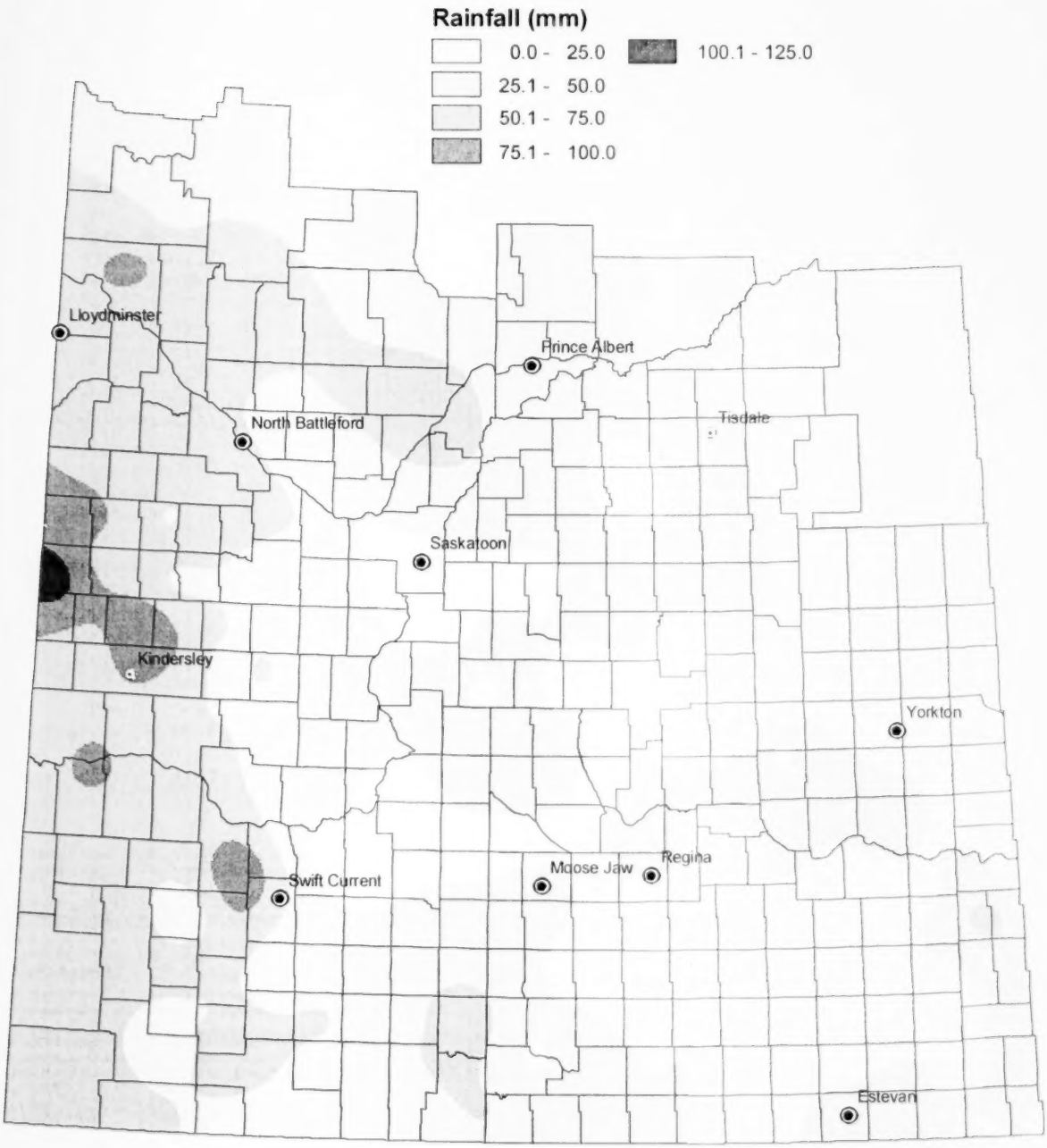
Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2008
To: May 24, 2008



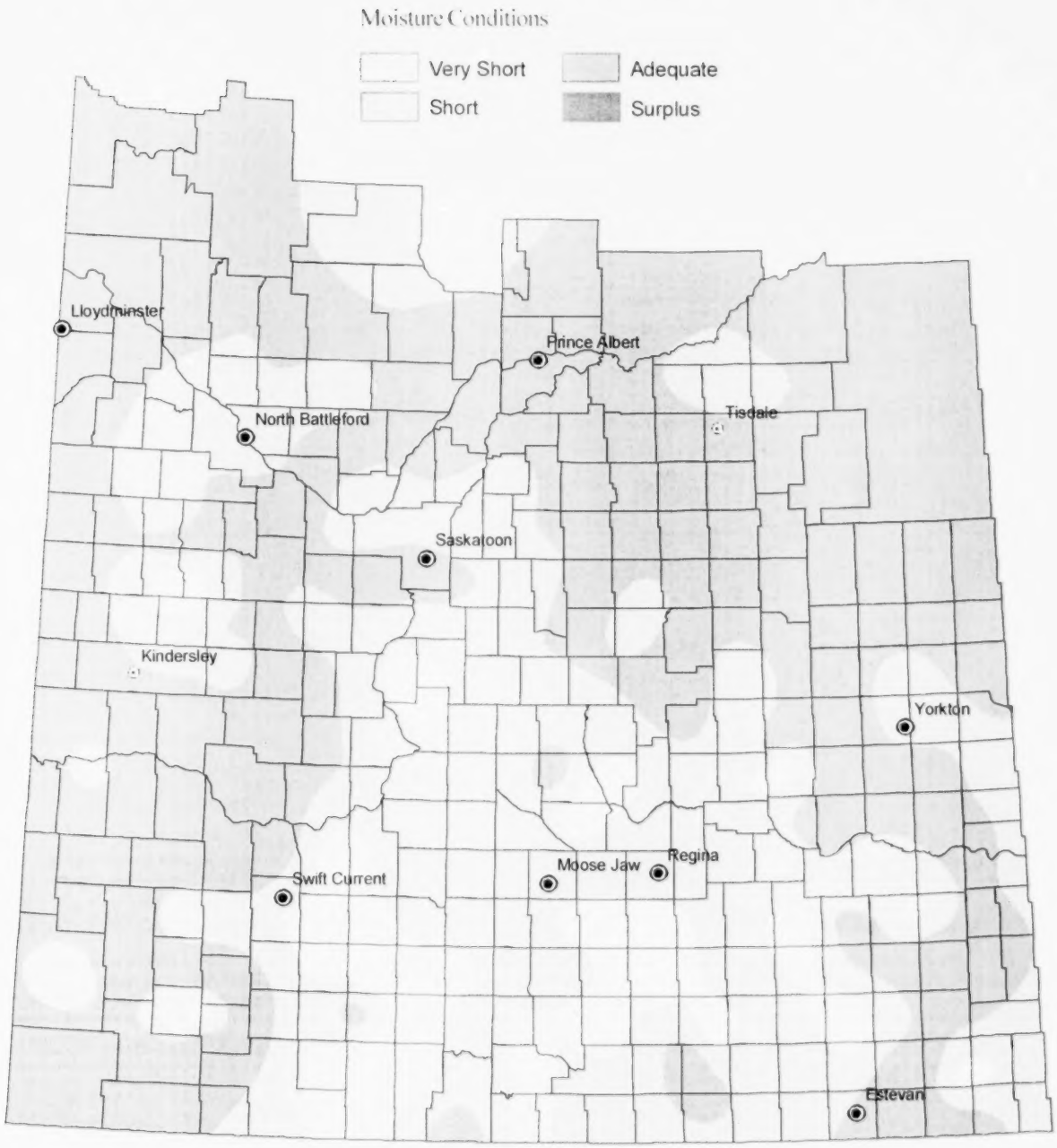
Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions
May 25, 2008



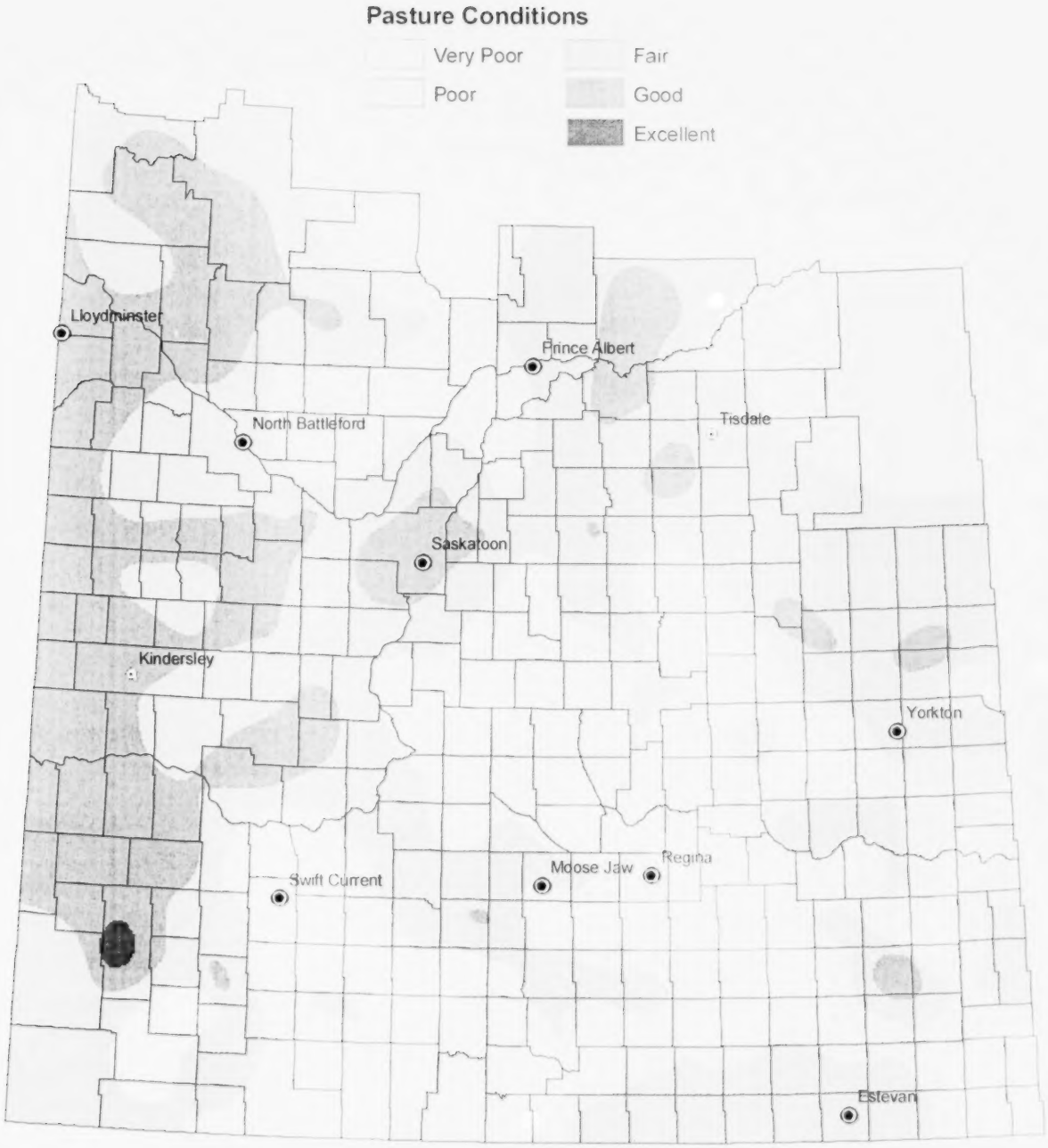
Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2008
To: May 24, 2008



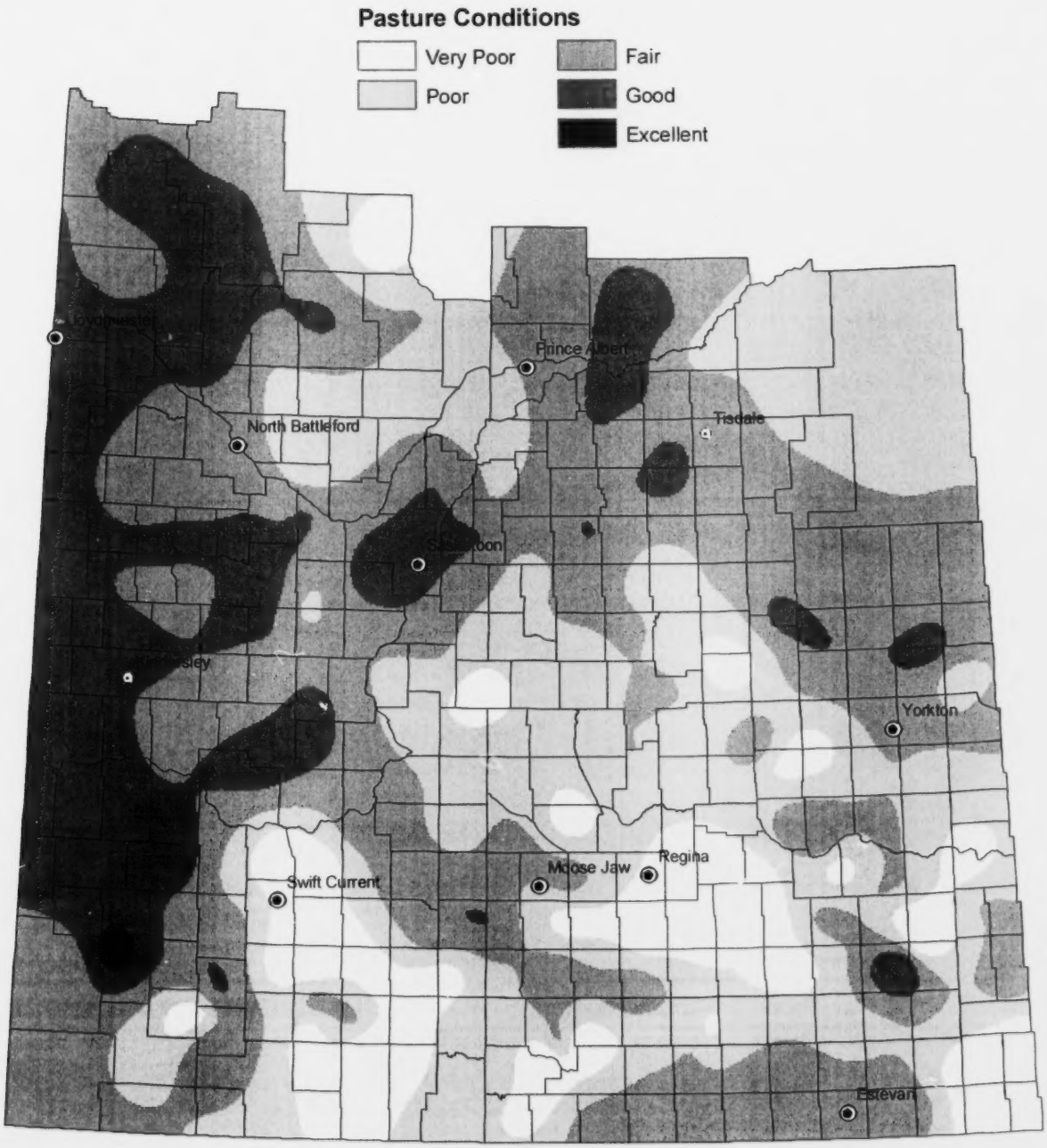
Crop Land Topsoil Moisture Conditions
May 25, 2008



Pasture Conditions
May 25, 2008



Pasture Conditions
May 25, 2008



Crop Districts
and
Rural Municipalities